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SUBJECT: PRC RESPONDS TO INDONESIA EARTHQUAKE

China provided Indonesia with USD 2 million in cash, RMB 10 million in materials and equipment and an emergency assistance team in response to the May 27 earthquake, MFA Asian Affairs Department Deputy Division Director He Wei told poloff on May 31. The 44 person team, which took a chartered plane to the affected area, consists mostly of doctors and nurses along with medical equipment and supplies. The team included "specialists" sent to assist the Indonesians estimate the damage and the rebuilding costs. He Wei said he expects China to play a role in the reconstruction phase, following this initial immediate response to the humanitarian needs. The PRC Embassy has not received any reports of death or injury of PRC citizens or overseas Chinese.
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